



## UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLE SAFETY SECTION

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# NEWSLETTER

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### PLATE BRAKE TESTER



It has been noticed by our investigators that a majority of the stations with plate brake testers and operators have expired on their certifications during the last few months. Hunter Engineering manufactures most of our state plate brake testers.

Their service/sales representative, Sam Kerbel is in the process of getting all the plate brake testers re-certified by July 15. Mr. Kerbel is also putting together a recertification course for all the operators. Our Safety Inspection Office has authorized a grace period for stations to continue using their equipment through July 15. After July 15th, all stations with the plate brake tester will only be permitted to use it for safety inspections with a re-certified tester and operator.

During the grace period, if any station has any problems at all with their plate brake testers, please contact Sam Kerbel by phone at 801-897-2781 or by email at [alignerman@msn.com](mailto:alignerman@msn.com) for service. Mr. Kerbel has promised an immediate response for any service issue during this period. Also, during station visits our investigators will continuously be checking the expirations to ensure all equipment stays up to date on certification.

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**ALWAYS CHECK  
EXPIRATION DATES  
OF INSPECTOR  
CERTIFICATIONS.**

**ALWAYS CHECK  
EXPIRATION DATES  
OF PLATE BRAKE  
TESTER CERTIFICATIONS.**

**ALWAYS POST THE  
STATION LICENSES  
AND INSPECTOR  
CARDS IN A  
CONSPICUOUS  
AREA.**

### ORDERING PAPER CERTIFICATE BOOKS ON-LINE CERTIFICATES AND STICKERS

When placing an order for certificates, **PLEASE SPECIFY** what types of certificates you want with your order. If your station needs paper certificates or on-line certificates, please clarify specifically for **paper** or **online**. There has been quite a bit of confusion in this area. Again please specify before submitting order.

This will help our office staff to offer faster service and to prevent your station from receiving the wrong supply of certificates. Also make sure your payment is in the correct amount, to prevent having your check returned. Please include the station number on your check or let the person know who is picking up the order from our office. Your assistance is much appreciated.

### EXEMPT STATIONS ORDER PROCEDURES

If you are an exempt station, **please** follow the following steps when placing an order.

**Step 1.** Go to page 16 of the 2006 Vehicle Safety Inspection manual, a copy of a station order form for a supply is on this page.

**Step 2.** Copy this page onto a letterhead paper from your county, city or state government agency.

**Step 3.** Please then fax it to our office at (804)322-1817.

Our office is required to keep a hard copy of the supplies, exempt stations are ordering. **We will not take any verbal order requests over the telephone. Please provide us with the proper documentation. Thanks for your cooperation!!**



### TESTING THE NEW WEB BASED UHPSI INSPECTION PROGRAM

Testing has begun on the new web based inspection program. Test stations are working with Utah Interactive to increase the effectiveness of the program.

All stations moving over to the new program **will be required** to use all on-line certificates prior to the move. If a station moves over prior to using up their existing balance, the balance will be lost. Once a station moves over, they will not be able to move back. All stations statewide will be moving over to this on-line program. Those stations that **only use paper certificates** will have the option of staying with paper and not moving to the on-line program. All other stations, including new stations will be required to move over at some point over the next few months. Current stations will have the option for the time being to purchase paper certificates as a back up, while the system is still new. Once the last groups of stations are aboard, all paper certificates will be only sold to those, who are **only on paper**. Our goal is to cut down on our printing costs and to advance our program with the technology of computers. There are a number of stations currently on the new program and more will soon follow. Please be on a look out for a letter from our office, letting you station is next to move over. Following our letter your station will be receiving an enrollment packet from Utah Interactive, explaining how to get started.

#### RULES & REGULATION CHANGES

The following are the changes that will become effective on July 1, 2006.

##### **R714-158-4 Station License:**

All stations, except fleet and exempt stations are required to provide proof of 'Garage Keepers Insurance' or a \$1,000 Surety Bond while operating as an official state safety inspection station.

##### **R714-158-4 Station License: (4)**

A \$100 fee is required to renew a license that has been suspended / revoked.

##### **R714-158-5 Inspector Certification**

(5) Pay a \$20 non-refundable fee to replace a lost inspector certification card.

(5) C. A \$100 fee is required to process a return to the safety inspection program in the event a certification has been suspended / revoked.

##### **R714-158-6 Inspector Training and Testing.**

C. An inspector seeking re-certification of his/her safety inspection authority shall do one of the following three options:

- I. Option #1- Participate in the full 16- Hour Safety Inspection training course and pass the final test.
- II. Option #2- Participate in a 4-hour re-certification training course offered through an educational institution and pass the challenge test.
- III. Option #3- Participate in either an on-line, or 'CD' formatted re-certification training program, and pass the quizzes.

An Inspector certification that has expired for more than three (3) years is required to re-take the 16-hour Certification Class.

##### **R714-158.8 Vehicle Safety Inspection Manual**

(3) All stations are required to maintain a printed copy of the "Vehicle Inspection Manual" at all times.

Thank you for following our guidelines.

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#### AGENCY ACTIONS

**Station/Insp Name      Agency Action      Disposition**

#6832 Big O Tire	Station was revoked, Hearing with Advisory Council	Revocation was upheld with modifications.
#17756 Mario Baltazar	Inspector was revoked. Hearing with Advisory Council	Revocation was upheld.
#6696 Best Ride Quick Lube	Station was revoked. Administrative Hearing	Revocation was upheld. Advisory Council hearing requested.
#18131 Harold J. Judd	Inspector was revoked. Administrative Hearing	Revocation was upheld. Advisory Council hearing requested.
#18796 Ian Michelsen	Inspector issued a 15-day suspension.	Suspension upheld \$10 reinstatement fee paid.
#19859 Ardalan Tahmoreszadeh	Inspector issued a 15-day suspension.	Suspension upheld \$10 reinstatement fee paid.
#6832 Big O Tire	Station was revoked, Hearing with Advisory Council	Revocation was upheld with modifications.

**Don't Let This Fourth of July Blow Up in Your Face!**

***July 4<sup>th</sup> Second Deadliest Day of the Year***

\* July 4<sup>th</sup> is the second most deadly holiday period of the year – just behind New Year's – due to impaired driving.

\* Always follow these tips for a safer July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration:

- Whenever you plan on using alcohol, designate your sober driver before going out and give that person your keys;
- If you're impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;
- Promptly report drunk drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement;
- Wearing your safety belt or using protective gear on your motorcycle is your best defense against an impaired driver;
- While traveling to and from celebrations on your motorcycle, remember to make yourself visible and ride your motorcycle where you can be seen to avoid a crash;
- And remember, ***Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk***. If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

**BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING**



**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY!**